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W. C. Fields Heads Convention Board

Kick-Off Held For Leadership Conferences

A kick-off meeting for the annual Leadership Conferences scheduled for Jan. 10-14 was held Monday of this week at the First Church, Jackson.

Those on the program, presenting the plans for the January week were Dr. Merrill D. Moore, Nashville; Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, and Rev. Brooks Wester, Brookhaven.

The Leadership Conferences in previous years held over a period of three weeks, will this year all be held during the same week it was announced by Dr. Quarles, sponsor of the conferences, who will be assisted by W. R. Roberts, Jackson, State Brotherhood secretary.

A conference this year will be held in every association rather than by districts as heretofore.

19 teams of three leaders each have been selected and each team

will conduct four conferences, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, during that week.

Each team will be led by a state or denominational worker and assisted by two pastors selected from over the state.

Each day's program will be confined to an evening session, beginning at 7:30 and adjourning at 9:15.

The three principal messages to be given will be: "The Elements of a Church Budget," "The Mission Budget of Our Churches," and "Churches Are Stewards Too."

Those urged to attend include the officers, leaders, deacons, and workers of every church in the association.

A complete schedule of conferences and conference leaders will be carried in next week's Baptist Record.

"Twentieth Century Discipleship" Featured At State BSU Meeting

"Twentieth Century Discipleship should lead us to the true purpose in life," Dr. John M. Price, head of the Department of Religious Education, New Orleans Seminary, told the State BSU Convention in its opening meeting on Friday night of last week at the First Church in Hattiesburg.

"Twentieth Century Discipleship should lead us to the true purpose in life," he asserted. "A true Christian life is one with a real purpose," he continued.

"The American people have spent millions of dollars going to quacks seeking clarity of purpose in life, to no avail.

"In the twentieth century we are seeking a better discipleship," he said in closing as he pointed his youthful audience to the Bible and the Apostle Paul of the first century as a basis and guide.

Welcome was extended by Rev. Clyde C. Bryan, host pastor. Special music was rendered by the man's ensemble of Mississippi College. Following the evening meeting a funspiration period was conducted by Miss B. J. Runnels of MSCW.

Early Saturday morning a breakfast was held on the campus of Mississippi Southern College for all State Council members, student directors, faculty advisors, college pastors and visiting program personnel, with J. Chester Durham, Kentucky state BSU director as the speaker.

"The crystallization of the pur-

pose of the Baptist denomination is to keep all its young people in proper position in the local (Continued on Page Two)

Jack Stuart Is Vice-President, Gordon Sansing, Secy.

Lisbon Patriarch Acts Against Alleged Visions

LISBON (RNS) Manuel Cardinal Goncalves Cerejeira, Patriarch of Lisbon, issued a decree here warning that the Sacraments and Christian burial will be denied Portuguese Catholics who participate in celebrations connected with alleged visions of Our Lady in the village of Asseiceira.

An 11-year-old boy, Carlos Alber- (Continued on Page Two)

SCHOOLS TO RECEIVE \$290,840

NAME COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER ASSEMBLY

Dr. W. C. Fields, pastor First Church, Yazoo City, was elected president of the State Convention Board Monday afternoon at its annual organization meeting for 1954-55.

Elected as vice-president was Jack Stuart, Morton layman, while Rev. Gordon Sansing, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, was re-elected as recording secretary.

Elected as members of the Board's Executive Committee in addition to the above were:

Rev. Van Hardin, pastor First Church, Lucedale; Dr. John E. Barnes, pastor Main Street Church, Hattiesburg; Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor First Church, Holly Springs; Rev. Roy Collum, pastor Liberty Church; Rev. M. Glenn Smith, pastor Tate Street Church, Corinth; and Rev. C. M. Day, pastor First Church, Durant.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer is ex-officio member.

The Board voted to double its temperance allocations of \$5,000 for the coming year, to be expended by the temperance committee, Rev. C. M. Day, Durant, chairman and the Board's Executive Committee.

The president was authorized to appoint an assembly committee of five, empowered to proceed with a view to acquiring additional property to be used in Mississippi Baptists' assembly program.

The Board received the report of the Education Commission of the State Convention, read by Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, Convention president, which gave the percentage on which the educational institutions of the Convention (Continued on Page Two)

FOREIGN BOARD MAY ENTER EGYPT PROPER

"The prospect of Southern Baptists undertaking missionary work in Egypt proper appears on the horizon," reports Dr. George W. Sadler, the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East.

Southern Baptists already have a toe hold in Egypt by virtue of the medical and school work being done in Gaza. A recent visit to Egypt by Rev. and Mrs. Finlay M. Graham, missionaries to Lebanon, revealed that it would be possible for a representative of the Foreign Mission Board to go to Egypt in response to an invitation from a group of believers led by Rev. Seddik W. Girdis, a native of Egypt and a graduate of Southwestern Seminary.

Dr. Sadler said, "Our representative, or representatives, could remain as long as the need of their services could be established."

November SBC Mission Gifts Total \$813,660

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Mission gifts for the month of November reached \$813,660, bringing the year's total receipts thus far to \$9,890,982, according to Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Convention's Executive Committee. This is an increase of \$901,926 or 10.03 per cent over last year's Cooperative Program figure of \$8,989,055 for the same period.

Southern Baptists gave \$119,445 in designated gifts to Convention-wide causes in November bringing the year's total to \$6,049,648. This

is an increase of \$473,915 or 8.50 per cent during the same period of 1953.

Cooperative Program and designated receipts together totaled \$933,105, bringing the total for the year thus far to \$15,940,630, an increase of \$1,375,842 or 9.45 per cent.

Illinois and Virginia are the only states not showing an increase in Cooperative Program gifts when compared with the same period last year.

OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CONVENTION BOARD



The new officers of the State Convention Board, elected Monday afternoon are: left, to right, seated: Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary; Dr. W. C. Fields, Yazoo City, president; Rev. Gordon Sansing, Jackson, recording secretary, re-elected; Jack Stuart, Morton layman, vice-president.

Standing: Rev. M. Glenn Smith, Corinth; Dr. Earl Kelly, Holly Springs; Rev. C. M. Day, Durant, and Rev. Van Hardin, Lucedale, Executive Committee members. The officers were also elected to the Executive Committee. Not present for the picture were Dr. John E. Barnes, Hattiesburg, and Rev. Roy Collum, Liberty, also members of the Convention Board.

Education Emphasis Week Scheduled For April

Representatives of fifty Southern Baptist Colleges have approved final plans for the Second Annual Convention-wide Emphasis on Christian Education scheduled for April 10, 1955.

Theme of the special promotion will be "Finding a Worthy Career." It will appeal to Baptist young people of intermediate age to begin to find and prepare wisely for a vocation in which they can best use their God-given abilities and aptitudes.

Packets of sample materials to be used in this Emphasis on Christian Education will be sent to pastors of more than 29,000 Southern Baptist churches early in February. Each church will be asked to order additional packets for its intermediates and other interested young people according to Dr. R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. "In those churches which have Training Unions," he said, "it is planned for intermediate Training Union leaders to use their leader's period during the April 10 lesson to get their young people to fill out a Career Interest Inventory and to begin a study of their vocational interests and aptitudes."

"Churches which do not have Training Unions will be asked to schedule a time for a similar study. It is anticipated that many churches will have a youth fellowship following the Sunday night services on April 10 for a period of recreation, refreshments and additional study." This date is the concluding Sunday of Youth Week in the Churches, which is sponsored by the Training Union Department of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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The combined choirs of the Seminary Church at Seminary will present the "Giant 'Stars Over Bethlehem'" Sunday night, December 12, at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium. Mrs. Byron Mathis, writer of the script, will direct the program. Miss Martha Sarah Cranford will accompany the choirs. Rev. Byron Mathis is pastor of the church.

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Leaders Confer At State BSU Convention



Baptist Student Union leaders confer at the annual convention held last week at the First Church in Hattiesburg. Pictured, left to right are: Miss Mary Libby Bickerstaff, Ole Miss., state devotional leader; Joe Thomas Odle, Mississippi College, state stewardship chairman; Charles W. Horner, Jackson, state BSU secretary; Miss Kathryn Jasper, student director, MSCW, and Dr. George Schweitzer, Knoxville, conference speaker. Dr. Schweitzer is chemistry professor at the University of Tennessee.

"Twentieth Century

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church," Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary, told the students Saturday morning.

Continuing, the speaker declared, "It is the purpose of the Baptist Student Union to see that every Baptist young person continues in Bible study, in a deepening devotional life and in training for the full life of a Baptist church."

In closing he said, "The ultimate purpose of BSU is to tie every Baptist college student, through growth and development, onto the total Baptist program."

One feature of the Saturday morning meeting was the holding of a series of 15 seminars for prospective vocationists, with an outstanding leader for each.

Bringing the special music was the state BSU choir under direction of Miss Iris Dean Starkey, music director First Baptist Church of Columbus.

Bringing the morning meeting to a close was a message by Dr. George Schweitzer, professor of chemistry, University of Tennessee. He spoke on "Why Be Disciples," following a six-point outline as follows:

"We should be disciples because of our sources of knowledge, because of the origin of the universe, because of the origin of life, because of the origin of man, because of the possibility of immortality and the everlasting problem of evil."

The Convention picture was taken at the close of the morning meeting.

The Saturday afternoon meeting was highlighted by the holding of a series of seminars on love and courtship. Mrs. I. E. Rouse of Hattiesburg led the section for girls and Mr. Durham the one for boys.

Saturday evening's meeting got underway with meditation by the State BSU Choir. A discussion of the BSU Summer Mission program was led by Charles W. Horner, Jackson, state BSU secretary.

tary.

The Convention came to a close at the regular morning worship hour with a message on "What About You," by Bill Cody, associate in Student Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

The Convention is sponsored annually by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Dr. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer and Mr. Horner, BSU secretary.

The roll call of colleges at the opening meeting Friday night revealed an attendance of nearly 800 students from 24 colleges over the state. Mississippi College, Clinton, had the largest delegation of 224.

Presiding over the Convention was James Rogers, Delta State, while Jim Woodward, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., was song leader.

W. C. Fields

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would receive the allocated funds in 1955 for operational purposes.

\$290,840.81 had been allocated, to be divided as follows: Mississippi College, 33 1/3%; Blue Mountain College, 23%; Clarke Memorial College, 18 2/3%; William Carey College, 23%; and the Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, 2%.

It was noted the above percentages were slightly different from this past year. The School of Nursing received the same, William Carey College received slightly more because of greatly increased enrollment and the other three schools got slightly less.

The total allocation to Christian education this year was an increase however over this past year's appropriation.

Dr. J. H. Kyzar, pastor First Church, Greenwood, was elected to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees of Blue Mountain College.

EMMA HAMRICK KILLAM

Mrs. Emma Hamrick Killam, aged 85, died following almost a year's illness at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. R. H. Boteler, of Laurel, on November 2. A native of Jasper County, a member of New Fellowship Church, she resided in the home of a daughter, Mrs. D. P. Boggan, of Fellowship community.

Possessed of a deep and abiding faith, she loved her church dearly and was a regular attendant until two years preceding death when incapacitated by ill health.

She is survived by five children: Mrs. R. H. Boteler, Laurel; Mrs. D. P. Boggan, Hickory, RFD; G. B. Killam, Laurel; W. O. Killam, Oklahoma City; and R. L. Killam, Vancouver, Washington; a son, Raymond, preceded her in death in 1952. She leaves 21 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and other relatives.

She was buried in the church cemetery by the side of her husband, D. J. Killam, who died in August, 1951.

The many beautiful flowers expressed the love and genuine affection of those who loved her so dearly.

The kind and comforting words of her pastor, Rev. L. B. Simmons, of Newton; Rev. T. R. McKibbens of Laurel, and of Rev. L. R. Massie, a lifelong friend, were deeply appreciated by family and friends.

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MRS. J. P. BOGGAN

Lisbon Patriarch

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to, reported last June that he had seen a vision of the Virgin and that she answered questions and promised to reappear at the same spot on July 16.

Thousands of Catholics from the district surrounding Asseiceira gathered at the village on the latter date, and some stated that the boy, apparently in a trance, transmitted answers from "an invisible presence" to questions they put. Thereafter "miraculous cures" were reported, and peasants of the area continued gathering regularly at the spot.

Investigators sent to Asseiceira by the Patriarch said that the alleged visions were groundless and last Aug. 7 the prelate warned Catholics against further participation in the celebrations. Despite his admonition, however, peasants continued to make "pilgrimages" to the village in subsequent weeks.

The new decree categorically describes the visions as "without foundation" and "pure inventions." It points out that, during the alleged visions, Carlos asked questions and supplied answers "automatically, far quicker than he could have done if they were being given by a second person, thus obviously having learned them by rote."

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Walnut Grove Calls Harry F. Jones

Rev. Harry F. Jones has accepted the call to Walnut Grove Church and moved on the field, Nov. 23. He came from Silver Springs Church, Pike County, of which he had served almost four years.

One of the advancements made during his time at Silver Springs was the outstanding increase in the offerings and Cooperative Program receipts which more than tripled.

Mr. Jones is a graduate of Mississippi College and received his B. D. Degree at New Orleans Seminary, May 1954. While at Mississippi College, in the Senior year, he served as President of the Ministerial Association.

Mr. Jones is a native of Jones County, and is married and has two children. Mrs. Jones is the former Gladys Foster of Carpenter. The Church redecorated the six-room brick home and had a well filled pantry to welcome their new pastor.

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Correction: In the recent list of contributions of the churches of the state, Union Church in Mississippi Association was listed as giving nothing to the Cooperative Program. The church had given \$52 which we are glad to acknowledge here.

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Two Good Suggestions

Below we offer two suggestions to churches and finance committees as they prepare their new budgets.

We suggest in the first place that every church should provide the pastor with a car fund. Many Mississippi churches are now doing this. Some churches are even providing as much as \$100 per month for the pastor's car expense. No pastor can run a car without expense and the gasoline is the smallest part of the expense. He uses his car about 9-10ths of the time on church business.

And so far as we know, pastors are the only ones who are required to furnish cars without any compensation. Business houses either furnish a car for their employees or pay them by the mile for all travelling done on company business. Churches should do as well.

The second suggestion is that books are tools for a preacher. Every church should provide a fund for the purchase of books. Any preacher who does not read books will soon go stale. His preaching will become dry and the people become disinterested and also dissatisfied. The same thing is true about books that is true of cars. Business houses furnish the tools for their employees. Churches should do the same thing. We suggest that quarter-time churches should allow at least \$25, half-time churches, \$50, and full-time churches \$100 or more for the pastor's book fund.

—BR—

Mississippi's Shame

At the recent meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, it was reported that the maximum contribution for ministerial relief was \$48 per quarter or \$16 per month. This means that our aged preachers who have served long, and in most cases in difficult situations, for low-salary churches are being aided in the pitiful amount of \$16 per month.

Mississippi Baptists, more than 400,000 strong, should do better than that. We grant that some of these cases include people who should have saved up in years gone by or who should have joined the Ministers' Retirement Plan. However, regardless of what they should have done, they have now come down to the sunset days of life and need help. And \$16 per month or approximately 50 cents a day isn't much in these times of high prices. Most of them require medicine and you can't buy much medicine for \$16. In fact, you can't buy much of anything for \$16. About all you can buy is just a very little of this or that.

It reminds us of a boy, who,

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during World War I, went into a butcher shop and asked the price of steak. He was told that it was \$1.10 a pound. He told the butcher he wanted a dime's worth. The butcher took his butcher knife and rubbed it against the steak and held it over to the boy and said, "Smell of that." That's about all you can do with \$16.

It is true that we have many needs. Missions need more money. Our schools need more money. The orphanages need more money. We need more money for church buildings, and we need more money for pastoral aid and we need more money for practically everything we are doing, but we believe that we should in some way do better than \$16 per month.

We have no particular plan to offer, but we appeal to Mississippi Baptists of every kind, class, and condition to think over this matter and see if something can't be done.

Just ask yourself this question, "If I were old and unable to earn a living, could I get along on \$16 per month?"

—BR—

A Problem But No Solution

For years we have heard the complaint that we are having too many meetings in our churches. At first we thought this was simply the wail of the chronic complainers, but the number of complaints has ceased to be a whisper and has now become a roar.

In recent months we have often heard statements to the effect that "we have too many overlapping activities in our churches." Or, "If I attended all of the meetings that my church has, I would have

to move a cot to the church as there would be no time for home."

It is true that the Baptist work has grown and expanded in recent years. We have meetings on top of meetings.

However, we would remind our readers that all of these meetings are good ones and necessary. We do know that churches that support all of the meetings, conventions, and conferences are usually the churches that "do things," all that the term implies.

We have our meetings that support and strengthen foreign missions, home missions, Sunday School, Training Union, various commissions, the Brotherhood, and local organizations, as well as the various state and local church organizations.

We know a woman that tries to teach a Sunday School class, lead a Training Union group, be a member of the Woman's Missionary Union, and lead the Sunbeams. Anyone trying to carry such a load will not have much time for home affairs. If the husband also takes a place of leadership in the Brotherhood, the Training Union, the Sunday School, and sings in the choir, that family will not have much home life. Many meals will consist of canned pork and beans!

After discussing this matter with many of our leaders, we feel as they do—that there are too many meetings, but there is not a single one of them that we would want to eliminate. They are all good and worthy.

We do believe that the Family Night program will help in the matter. Most of our pastors are familiar with Family Night. Briefly it is the having of many

organizational meetings in connection with the Wednesday night prayer service. Instead of going to church every night in the week, they plan for various organizations to meet before the prayer meeting hour and then climax the night's services with the usual prayer meeting services.

There are many advantages in this plan.

First, it does on one night what is usually done on many nights.

Second, it greatly increases the attendance at the prayer meeting service, for most of the people who come to the other meetings will stay for the prayer service.

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Our Readers Write

160 SILVER DOLLARS

Dr. Chester Quarles,
Executive Secretary,
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board,
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Quarles:

We are enclosing our check for \$1,166.35, the Thanksgiving offering from the First Baptist Church of Meridian, Mississippi, for the Baptist Orphanage.

As is their custom, the Baraca Sunday School Class has requested that a part of their gift be used to give each child a silver dollar on Christmas Day. Since we do not know the exact number of children in the Home now we have simply included all the offering in one check and will leave it to you to carry out the wishes of this class.

Sincerely,

EARL B. CRAWFORD.

(Editor's Note: There are at the present time one hundred and sixty boys and girls who are residents of our Baptist Orphanage.)

Prichard Baptist Church in Alabama, in celebrating its 45th anniversary, made note of the fact that the first pastor was a Mississippian, Rev. Jeff Davis Anderson, native of Tippah County, son-in-law of General M. P. Lowrey, and formerly a teacher in Blue Mountain College. Mr. Anderson had also held pastorates in Mississippi and Tennessee. His three daughters, one formerly a missionary to China, now live in Mobile, Alabama. Mr. Anderson died in 1920, after having served the church for 11 years.

Another Mississippian, Rev. W. R. Haynie, also served as one of the church's pastors.

Organized with 23 members Prichard Church now has 2094 members, with 1644 enrolled in Sunday School, 720 in Training Union, and with a church property value of \$160,000.

Of the nine charter members still living, one is Miss Agnes B. Anderson, Mobile, Alabama; daughter of the first pastor. Mrs. Margaret Lowrey Anderson, another charter member, lived past her 101st birthday.

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Sparks & Splinters

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Robert H. Westerfield, Jackson; Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Whitten, Jr., Florence; Mrs. Matt Duck, Centerville; Robert K. Ray, Durant; A. D. Shirley, Jr., Meridian; Rev. C. L. Boland, Silver Creek; R. C. Smith, Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Taylor, Laurel; Rev. A. C. Johnson, Natchez; V. J. Stokes, Natchez; Rev. P. D. Bragg, Lexington.

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the thirty-first annual session of the Jackson County Association, which was held with the Vancleave Church on October 11 and 12, 1954. It will be held at Calvary Church, Pascagoula, on October 10 and 11, 1955. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

NEW YORK, N. Y. —(BP)—The American Baptist Convention, New York, N. Y., will make an effort to secure 1,000 assurances to resettle refugees during the next year.

Under the refugee act, 200,000 refugees will be admitted to the United States if they have the necessary assurance and a visa by December 31, 1956.

The law under which refugees are now being resettled requires assurance that he will have work and a place to live, and that he will not become a public charge.

Babies' Day was observed by Eastview Church, Jones county, on December 5. Ribbons were pinned on the babies. The pastor, Rev. T. R. Coulter, Sr., spoke on "The Place of Babies and Parents in the Home." Mrs. Amos McCarty is the nursery superintendent.

Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, California, has announced plans made last January to dismiss school for a week in March for the 1955 Simultaneous Revival Crusade. As announced by Southern Seminary recently, students will have one week out of school without being charged as absent and may take the second week without serious damage to their grades. This is a precedent by our seminaries indicating the enthusiastic support of all agencies and institutions in the 1955 Crusade. It is hoped to get every student, faculty member, and staff member into the campaign somewhere, and it is possible that this will become an annual custom. Harold K. Graves, president of Golden Seminary, has said.

Rev. R. A. Eddleman, pastor of Athens Church, Simpson County, has recovered from a recent operation at the Baptist Hospital. While Rev. R. A. Eddleman, Jr. supplied for the church during his father's illness, there was one addition on profession of faith.

The Baptist Record is in receipt of resolutions adopted by the Pecan Grove Church, Route 1, Ellisville, expressing gratitude to Judge-Elect Lunsford Casey and District Attorney-Elect Grover Doggett for their recent efforts to clean out the honky-tonks, dives, and dens, and to make Jones county a better place in which to live and rear children. The resolutions were signed by Mrs. Garland Rogers, the church clerk.

Recent changes in Sunday School

Board personnel include the following: Ralph E. Longshore, formerly, secretary of Cooperative Field Promotion, Sunday School Department, has been made superintendent of Adult Sunday School work, succeeding Herman L. King, now superintendent of Sunday School Administration. Mr. Longshore has been succeeded by E. Stanley Williamson, formerly superintendent of Intermediate Sunday School work. Miss Hannah Brummitt of Hendersonville, North Carolina has been made superintendent of Cradle Roll work in the Sunday School Department, succeeding Mrs. W. L. Blankenship, retired. James Yarborough, formerly copywriter, has been made promotion supervisor in the Advertising Department; and Davis C. Hill has been made manager of the Louisville, Kentucky, Baptist Book Store.

STUDY IN HEBREWS is the

title of a book by Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. It is the book we study during Bible Week in January. Paper-bound and selling for 60 cents the book contains 139 pages and every one of them is packed with information about the book of Hebrews, which the author says, "in most cases has been sadly neglected except for a few pet texts." Anyone reading or studying this book will be helped, inspired, and greatly rewarded. Mr. Hobbs is one of our outstanding Southern Baptist preachers and seems to have given a great deal of study and thought to the preparation of this book. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store. It is published by the Broadman Press.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. J. W. Kitchens, Louisville; Jane Turner, Mashulaville; Brenda Turner, Mashulaville; Mrs. B. W. Bridges, Mashulaville; Jimmy Rochester, Byhalia; Mrs. J. C. Rochester, Byhalia; A. H. Mills, Newton; Billy Roland, Clarke College; Rev. J. C. Bryant, Starkville; Rev. J. E. Drane, Maben; Jane McLeod, Lucedale; Juanita Stevens, Edith Weaver, Mary Jo Duke, Eleanor Joy Haleby, Lucedale.

Basic Beliefs (\$1.50) by Dr. Richard N. Owen, editor of the Baptist and Reflector (Tennessee), is just what the title indicates. It tells what Baptists believe and why. Some of the 18 chapter heads are: "God's Word," "God's Justice and Grace," "God's Sovereignty and Man's Responsibility," "The Lord's Church," "Baptism and the Lord's Supper," "The Lord's Day," "Sanctification," "The World to Come" Order from the Baptist Book Store.

The church at Mt. Olive recently surprised their pastor, Rev. C. O. Estes, with the gift of a new Royal typewriter.

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Choctaw County Association which met in 34th annual session at New Zion Church and Fentress church in October, 1954. The 1955 meetings will be at Hopewell Church and Bethany Church. The minutes are unusually attractively prepared and printed. The cover contains a white cross against a grey background. Black print against this background gives a unique effect.

Major Baptist Meetings Set For Nashville In Dec.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Five Hundred Southern Baptist leaders will begin arriving in Nashville December 8 for two major meetings and twenty-nine subsidiary meetings. The meetings will get under way Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. December 9 when the Sunday School Board, one of the major meetings, convenes for its semi-annual meeting. The men and women, coming from twenty-five states in which Southern Baptists have most of their churches, will be in Nashville through Monday, December 20.

The two major meetings are required by their by-laws to meet in Nashville at this time. They are the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Executive Committee will convene Wednesday and Thursday, December 15-16. The Sunday School Board will meet Thursday and Friday, December 9-10. The other meetings are held in Nashville at this time because many of the members serve on more than one committee or board and by scheduling them close together, excessive traveling by the members can be avoided.

The Executive Committee, C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N.C., president and Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary will meet Wednesday morning, December 15, 9 a.m. at the Baptist Sunday School Board. The Committee will consider the 1956 Southern Baptist Convention mission and education budget which is expected to be near ten million dollars. It will also hear reports from sub-committees and secretaries. The Committee has forty-three members.

The Baptist Sunday School Board will meet Thursday evening in an executive session and Friday, December 10 at 9:30 a.m. W. A. Criswell, Dallas, Texas, is president and James L. Sullivan, Nashville executive secretary. Reports of the work of the Sunday School Board for 1954 will be given and plans for 1955 projected. The group will hear reports from the Advisory, Audit, Assemblies, Budget, Building, Insurance, Plans and Policies, and Printing Committees. The Board has forty-nine members.

One of the largest of the meetings will be the leadership Conference on Evangelism that will meet at the Hermitage Hotel beginning at 12 noon, Monday, December 13. C. E. Matthews, Dallas, secretary of evangelism for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be in charge. Final plans will be made for the 1955 Convention-wide simultaneous revival crusade scheduled for next spring. Reports of number of baptisms in 1954 in Southern Baptist churches, Cuban churches, and churches in Panama and Canal Zone will be made. Further plans will be laid for the program of co-operation in evangelism with the National Baptist Convention, Inc., a Negro Baptist group. Approximately sixty evangelistic leaders will attend.

Another group of equal size, the

Stewardship Promotion Conference, will meet Tuesday morning and Wednesday at the Baptist Sunday School Board. J. Norris Palmer, chairman, and Merrill D. Moore, associate secretary of the Executive Committee will preside.

The program includes analysis of the biblical background for stewardship and reports on promotion of stewardship. Showing of the filmstrip, "Starting a Church Budget for the First Time," will highlight the Tuesday evening session. More than 100 leaders in promotion will be present.

Other groups to meet include: Future Program Committee; General Committee, Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists; Promotion Committee and World Evangelization; Committee on Long Range Rural Church Program; World Evangelization Committee; Stewardship Handbook Committee; Finance Committee; Procedure On Policy Change; Committee On Downtown Churches; Orphanage Publicity Committee; Audio-Visual Committee; Southern Baptist Press Association; Baptist Foundation Executives; Administrative Committee; Convention Arrangements Committee; Seminary Extension Commission; Vacation Bible School Conference;

N. E. Pastors' Conference To Meet December 13

TUPELO, Miss. Dec. 2 —Rev. Frank Roblin, Tupelo, program chairman for the Northeast Mississippi Baptist Pastors Conference has released the program for the next meeting of the Conference, which is to be held at the First Church Pontotoc, Monday morning, December 13. Rev. James Monroe, Pontotoc, will give the devotional at 9:15.

Other speakers and their subjects will be: C. B. Sims, Concordance; Frank Thomas, Translations; Earl Warford, Corinth, Commentaries; Fred Hague, Illustrations; Robert Holmes, Dictionaries; Howard Aultman, Tupelo, Temperance; Frank E. Skilton, Blue Mountain, Education; Harry Lee Spencer, Jackson, The Word of God. The conference will close at 12:30.

Marshall, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Monroe, Itawamba, Prentiss, Tishomingo, Alcorn, Tippah, Union, Pontotoc, Lee and Benton counties are in the northeast area.

Baptist Student Union Secretaries; Committee on Denominational Calendar; Church Music Conference; Inter-Seminary Conference; Training Union Conference; Sunday School Conference; Christian Life Commission Conference on the Ag-

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE CHILDREN of the ORPHANAGE

EVEN though THANKSGIVING contributions and gifts from the Baptist Churches, Sunday Schools, Training Unions, Missionary Societies, Brotherhoods, and individuals are still being received, we are already beginning to make plans for CHRISTMAS. If you have not made your THANKSGIVING SHIPMENT of food, clothing, etc., it is not too late as the RAILROADS are giving FREE TRANSPORTATION through DECEMBER 31st.

About this time every year we begin to get the CHRISTMAS SPIRIT, and we would like to give the friends and readers of The Baptist Record a few hints about the packages for the children. Please be sure to put the child's name on the outside of the package. Do not send money inside the packages. If you want to send money send it to the office and the child will get it—otherwise, during the confusion of opening packages at Christmas, the money may be overlooked.

Get your packages off early enough so the child will be sure to get his gift before Christmas. We keep a close check on each package that comes in and we see that every child has something on the tree in his own cottage in addition to the Christmas Tree in our Chapel which is sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Jackson where the entire HOME FAMILY is assembled on Christmas Morning and each child receives a gift.

We would ask that if any individual or organization wishes to send a miscellaneous box of gifts be sure to label the gifts for a boy or girl and the age. We are always glad to get these miscellaneous gifts because we can fill in for the children who sometimes do not get as much as others and for any new children who have just been admitted to the Home. But you can see how greatly it would help if the information we need is on the outside of the package and we do not have to unwrap it to see what it is.

Elsewhere in this paper will be found a list of our boys and girls by ages. This will help you in labeling your gifts. If you should lose this paper or the list just drop us a card and we will be glad to send you another list.

All packages will be kept in the office until Christmas Eve at which time they will be distributed to the different cottages and placed under the Christmas Tree.

If you have never witnessed a Christmas at The Baptist Orphanage you have missed something that would do your heart good. It is a busy time, a trying time, and a back-breaking job, but none of us would miss it for anything. Drop by for a little visit and see for yourself.

If you wish to address your package to the child, just put his or her name on the package in care of Baptist Orphanage, P. O. Box 97, Jackson, Mississippi. If you wish to send a package containing gifts for different children just place them in a package and address to Baptist Orphanage, P. O. Box 97, Jackson, Mississippi.

Thanks from all the boys and girls of YOUR OWN BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

W. G. MIZE, Superintendent
(Pd. Adv.)

Woman's Missionary Union First Church, Eupora, Dedicates Building

President—MISS ALMARINE BROWN, Jackson
Executive Secretary—MISS EDWINA ROBINSON
Young People's Secretary—MISS NELL TAYLOR
Royal Ambassador Secretary—JOEL RAY

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING.
Many organizations report a decided increase in the offering over last year. We hope that careful gleaning will be done and every woman and young person will be given an opportunity to make a contribution. This is a way to express our love for the Christ of Christmas as we observe in our hearts a period of prayer for His work around the world and as we make our offering we give proof of our love.

Bibles For White Families Without Bibles—

We now have some Bibles, without the stamp of the Negro Bibles. A place is given for the name of the local church to be filled in. These will be available in limited numbers on the same basis as the Bibles for Negro homes.

Hinds BWC — Mrs. Ruth Holleman sent a notice of the quarterly meeting of the Federation at Calvary Baptist Church, when Miss Mary Sampson spoke to the group. Miss Sampson, a missionary to Formosa had formerly worked as Educational Secretary of the First Baptist Church in Jackson. More than 130 representatives of Business Woman's Circles were present. The Hinds Federation also held an "Officers Clinic" for newly elected BWC officers. Ninety officers from local circles were in

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attendance at Ridgecrest Baptist Church, where a most helpful clinic was held. Many of the circles told of the plans for the observance of the Foreign Mission Week of Prayer.

The speaker for the District meeting at Collins was Mr. Rustam Zal of India, a student in William Carey College. His testimony was a challenge to all who heard him. In closing his message he used one of his poems to express his experience. Many requested that it be made available and we are happy to share it with our readers.

CHRIST AT THE CROSSROADS

I met Him at the Crossroads,
And I took the Path He showed;
I shouldered all my burdens,
And I panted 'neath the load;
But I strove with earnest striving
And I steadfastly went on:
For I felt His power driving,
And His strength when mine was gone.
And I turned with brief thanksgiving,
And I felt His love prevail;
So I kept on blindly onward
And I knew I'd never fail.
For His Hand was at my shoulder,
And His voice at my ear;
And His Eyes mine own were guiding,
And His Faith removed my fear.
And His touch, it was so gentle,
As He soothed all my pain;
As I felt His divine mantle
Clothe my Soul in peace again.
And I knew again the glory
As I lifted up His load;
For I met Him at the Crossroads,
And I took the Way He showed.
By RUSTAM ZAL of India.

Sammy Platt, Jr. Speaks At Southside Banquet

Twenty-three men and 30 boys attended the Father and Son banquet at Southside Church, Columbus on November 30.

The speaker, Sammy Platt, Jr. brought the message on the subject: "Royal Ambassadors for Christ." He urged the boys to be real ambassadors for Christ, and asked the men to count it a privilege to lead the boys into such an attainment.

On November 28 twenty-six young men and women joined the church.

Rev. Cornelius DeBlock is the pastor.



In a special service on Sunday morning, December 12, the First Church, Eupora, will dedicate, debt free, its beautiful church building which was constructed in 1949.

According to the pastor, Rev. W. W. Herrin, the cancelled notes will be burned by John L. Sanders, Chairman of Deacons.

A Dedicatory message will be brought by the Rev. J. R. Reedy, Pastor of the Memorial Church, Trinity, Texas, under whose ministry at Eupora, the building was constructed. The service, which

will begin at 10:45 a. m., will feature music under the direction of Mrs. L. W. Harpole, long time Music Director of the Church, and a special number, "God Bless This House" will be sung by her daughters, known throughout the state as the "Harpole Sisters."

The building which is being dedicated was completed in December 1949, under the direction of a Building Committee with H. H. Ross as Chairman. Valued at \$150,000, the total cost was only \$112,000. In February, 1950, a loan of \$28,000

was secured for a period of ten years to complete payment to the builders. This loan has been paid off in less than half the allotted time.

In addition, the church has increased its budget each year, with the greatest increase being in the amount allocated to missions. Thirty-three and one-third per cent of the present budget goes to causes sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

SOUTHERN SEMINARY TO CLOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN 1955 CRUSADE

BY DUKE K. McCALL

Evangelism is the driving motive in all that Southern Baptists do. World evangelism is the crowning purpose of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Every member of the faculty and student body and the staff of the Seminary is a witness to the fact that Jesus Christ was God's promised Messiah, who was born of the virgin Mary and whose atoning death on Calvary's Cross and resurrection is the only ground of hope for any man or woman anywhere in the world.

The Southern Baptist Convention has set aside as a part of its program the simultaneous revivals during the spring of 1955. As an agency owned by the Convention, Southern Seminary is involved in the official program of the Convention.

Meeting in regular joint-faculty session November 6, 1953, the Seminary faculty voted, for the first time in the history of the Seminary, to provide for the closing of classes during one week of the Simultaneous Revivals in this section of the Convention. This tradition-making action was adopted enthusiastically by a faculty which always is reluctant to break with any established pattern in this ninety-five year old school.

The controlling motive was that the 2,500 men and women who make up the Seminary family might be urged to spend this week in seeking the lost. The results

will be two-fold: Most important, lost men and women will come to know Jesus Christ as Saviour, Redeemer, and Lord. Second, students and faculty will return to the classroom with renewed zeal to secure the best possible preparation for the most effective Christian witness of which each individual is capable.

The Seminary has always held that nothing receives a priority over the claims of the Seminary classes upon the student's time and energy. This is because we believe that a first-class seminary education makes a more effective witness to the gospel. However, any student who is not a soul-winner during his seminary course will not be made one merely by the conferring of a B.D. degree.

The Baptists in Yugoslavia last year baptized 280 candidates. They now have a membership of 3,000. With help from the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, the Union has bought a large building (a former synagogue) in Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, for a chapel and a seminary. They have also bought two small buildings in country towns for chapels, and are building a new chapel in a Hungarian village. The work in the Baptist Theological Seminary in Zagreb commenced on March 1st with eleven young brethren. This is the only seminary for Protestants in Yugoslavia and in the Balkan States.

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FALL CAMPAIGNS

Associational programs are always encouraging and helpful. There are two types of these programs that we promote—the simultaneous and the central.

We have had both this fall in Attala, Bolivar, Jackson, Pontotoc, Lebanon, Lee and DeSoto associations. Some of these were simultaneous and some central.

These programs rarely reach every church in an association, but they are the best means of reaching the largest number of churches in the shortest period of time. And, usually there are some churches that cooperate in these for the first time.

There are many good things about these campaigns, but one is the wonderful spirit and attitude of the leaders. This means pastors, superintendents, educational directors, missionaries, officers, and teachers.

They enter into it in a way that is very helpful for all the program. We want to express our very sincere thanks to all the leaders of the associations that had such a program this fall. We thank them for giving us the opportunity to serve with them.

THE NEW YEAR'S PLANS

Good programs are planned far in advance. It must be that way. There are so many things to be done and so many items to be cared for that it is necessary that we do it this way.

Therefore, we are giving here some dates that you will want to put down and have them for your planning.

RIDGECREST

The Ridgecrest dates for the Sunday School Weeks for 1955 are: August 11-17; August 18-26; August 25-31.

You will note that there has been a complete change in these dates from previous years. They have been in June and July heretofore, but next year they are in August. In fact, the Sunday School Weeks are the closing weeks of the entire summer program at Ridgecrest. So, make plans accordingly.

GLORIETA

The Sunday School Weeks at Glorieta are these: July 7-13; July 14-20; July 21-27.

Many of our people have gone to Glorieta the two years that it has been in operation. We hope this will be true in increasing numbers through the years.

It is impossible to properly

evaluate all the good that has come to the work of Christ through these great summer assemblies at Ridgecrest and Glorieta.

People have gone there and came back with new ideals, new visions, new plans, new programs, new ways and means for doing things better than ever.

Let's make 1955 the greatest of all the years for attending these two great Assemblies. Make reservations early.

THE TEACHING PROGRAM

Much is said in the Bible about teaching. This is right, of course, as every thing that is said in the Bible is right.

It is certainly no accident that God saw fit to put this great emphasis on such an important matter as teaching. All through the Bible we see this teaching emphasis. From the early books of Moses on through the Old and New Testaments, we find the ever recurring emphasis on teaching.

Why? Simply because God has always known that it is a necessity in the lives of people. We are today largely what we are because of the teaching that has gone into our lives. The Jews of Old Testament did so much along this line for their children. We must do the same today for ours, if we hope to reap the best results.

So, the Sunday school program of Bible teaching looms larger and larger before us as we realize more and more the important place it holds among us today. Mr. J. Edgar Hoover is quoted as saying that there is only one thing wrong with our Sunday schools, and that is that we just do not have enough people in them. We heartily concur in this.

Let's work harder this year to reach more of them for Bible study each week in some definite way in Sunday school classes.

CONVENTION DATES AND PLACES

Please keep in mind, and on your calendar, that our three Mississippi Sunday School Conventions for 1955 will be February 22-24, in Pontotoc, Louisville, and Laurel, respectively.

—BR—
The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of subscriptions from Hebron Church in Amite County. Rev. Guy Little is the pastor. Of course it was no surprise to receive this, as wherever Little goes, so does the Record.

Man Of Distinction

Evidently the writers of the attractive and alluring ads setting forth "Men of Distinction" and the idea that liquor is the cause thereof are not in agreement with the recent report of the Adams County Grand Jury.

Instead of reporting how liquor makes people brave, courageous, and outstanding, the Grand Jury is reported to have said:

"It is the observation of this body that most of the criminal violations arising in this county are intimately connected with the sale of intoxicating beverages after the hour of midnight and particularly on week-ends."

It is the observation of many people that many criminal violations, as well as perhaps a majority of automobile wrecks, are "intimately connected with the sale of intoxicating beverages," period.

The above-named Grand Jury suggest that in order to help reduce liquor-inspired crime that none be sold from midnight on Saturday to 7 o'clock on Monday morning. It is illegal to sell liquor anywhere and if they don't obey the law now, what assurance do people have that they would obey the above-mentioned time schedule?

But if liquor makes people "men of distinction," we wonder why the time should be cut down. If the liquor ads are true, why not provide everybody with enough liquor to make them all "men and women of distinction?"

—BR—



Shown above are Elizabeth Ann Bailey and Kent Blaylock who have made a perfect attendance record in Sunday School for one year. They are in the Primary class at Loyd Church in Calhoun county where Mrs. C. H. Hardin is their teacher and Rev. S. E. Carter is their pastor.

The January, 1955 issue of the Sunday School Builder has an interesting and informative article entitled "Where Shall I Find Assembly Programs?" The author is Mrs. G. C. Hodge of First Church, Biloxi.

—BR—

CHICAGO, ILL. —(BP)— Mack McCray, Jr., a native of Texas and Oklahoma Baptist University alumnus, Chicago, Ill., has been elected executive secretary of the Northern California Baptist State Convention. McCray has been director of Christian Education for the Chicago Baptist Association since 1947.

—BR—

The Japan Baptist Convention has invited the Baptist World Alliance to meet in Tokyo in 1960 and has requested American Baptists to co-operate in the invitation and subsequent responsibilities. Indications are that the Japan Baptist Convention membership of 8,000 may reach 25,000 by 1960.

Brotherhood Department

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Convention pages Gene Berry and Walker Wood, Jr., look at Counselors Guide for Royal Ambassador Chapters at the Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador exhibit during the State Baptist Convention.

Suggestions concerning associational Royal Ambassador counselors. These principles are recommended by the state Royal Ambassador promotion committee composed of: Brotherhood secretary, WMU executive secretary, Royal Ambassador secretary and Young People's secretary.

1. Associates with Brotherhood and WMU organizations. That the Associational Royal Ambassador Counselor be elected by the Associational Brotherhood.

(If Associational WMU has already elected an Associational Royal Ambassador Counselor, we suggest the WMU superintendent contact the Brotherhood President and give him the name of the counselor elected. Also the superintendent will have a conference with the elected counselor.) If this has not been done, it would be well for Associational Brotherhood president to contact WMU superintendent.

2. Associations with WMU organization and no Brotherhood organization. That the Associational Royal Ambassador Counselor be elected by the Association WMU and be fostered by WMU until an associational Brotherhood organization is formed.

The Order of Royal Ambassadors.

What is it? In a close-up view of a boy you see the spirit of adventure and enthusiasm. You see the desire to do the difficult task and a sincere seeking for real manhood. These same traits of character may be seen in the life of Christ and the missionaries down through the ages, beginning with the apostles and extending to the present. The desire to see boys brought into a more vital contact with Christ and his representatives in such a way as to produce missionary-minded men, inspired the organization of Royal Ambassadors in 1908.

The order of Royal Ambassadors is a missionary organization for boys. It is designed to make Christ challenging to every phase of the boy's life. When this is done, it will create a missionary spirit in him. It begins with the stewardship of his own body, his time, and money, and reaches out to all the world. On the football field, in the classroom, at home and in his community, the boy is to be Christ's personal representative.

tative. Through his study, prayers, and gifts, in every field where Baptists have mission work, he will be an Ambassador for Christ.

To be officially recognized as a Royal Ambassador Chapter, a unit must have a charter for the year 1954-55. If your chapter qualifies and has not received its new charter please let us now.

Requirements are: Chapter must be organized according to the Manual. Chapter must meet at least 3 times during the period of the last three months.

Counselor must propose, to carry out the program of activities as in "Counselors' Guide," "Royal Ambassador Manual" and "Ambassador Life."

Our office mailing list cannot be complete without your help. There is no way for material from this office to be sent you unless we have the names of your officers. Though this seems very trivial, it is tremendously important. Please assist us by sending the name of the president and secretary of your Brotherhood.

Also names of associational officers are needed. Those needed are: President, program vice president, attendance vice president, promotion vice president, secretary, chorister and pastor advisor.

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Total Objective\$1,510,000

Operating Budget\$1,300,000

DIVISION ONE

Initial Appropriation—\$202,487.50

These items are shared equally by agreement between the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Administration, Promotion, Evangelism\$83,817.50
Retirement Plans 85,000.00
W.M.U. Administration 33,670.00

\$1,097,512.50 Distributable for Division Two and Three

DIVISION TWO

Southern Baptist Convention Causes
45%—\$493,880.62

Foreign Mission Board	\$188,613.01
Home Mission Board	62,426.51
Relief & Annunity Board	42,967.61
Southern Seminary	29,978.55
Southwestern Seminary	32,694.90
New Orleans Seminary	31,855.30
Golden Gate Seminary	21,928.30
Southeastern Seminary	42,671.29
Carver School of Missions	3,309.00
American Baptist Seminary	5,531.46
Southern Baptist Hospital	8,692.30
Brotherhood Commission	3,852.27
Radio and T.V. Commission	11,507.42
Public Affairs Committee	790.21
Baptist World Alliance	1,629.81
Southern Baptist Foundation	1,333.48
Education Commission	1,728.58
Historical Commission	1,432.25
Christian Life Commission	938.37

DIVISION THREE

Mississippi Causes
55%—\$603,631.88

Christian Education	\$290,840.81
Mississippi College33 1/3%	\$96,946.94
Blue Mountain College .23 %	66,893.39
Clarke College18 2/3%	54,290.27
Wm. Carey College23 %	66,893.39
School of Nursing 2 %	5,816.82
State Missions	\$208,527.38
Orphanage	32,925.38
Ministerial Education	27,437.81
Baptist Hospital	27,437.81
Baptist Foundation	16,462.69

Capital Needs of Institutions

DIVISION FOUR

\$210,000.00

Mississippi College	\$40,000.00
Clarke College	40,000.00
Blue Mountain College	40,000.00
Wm. Carey College	40,000.00
Mississippi Baptist Hospital	40,000.00
Baptist Mem. Hospital (Memphis)	10,000.00

All funds contributed above \$1,510,000 would go to the four Colleges for endowment on an equal basis.

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Training Union Promotional Program For 1955

Suggested Training Union Activities For Churches and Associations

- Using the Themes for Emphasis, Set up a Calendar of Training Union Work in each Church and each Association, and Follow it Month by Month.
- Work by the Standards.
Every Training Union, every union, every department, all Nursery, Beginner and Primary Departments, and all associational organizations should use their respective Standards as guides for all of their work.
- Conduct the Soul-Winning Study Courses in All Churches Before the Simultaneous Revivals, Using the Graded Books, on the following dates:
 (1) Tropical Zone, February 6-11.
 (2) Central Zone, March 6-11.
 (3) Northern Zone, March 13-18.
- Promote Study Course Work.
Promote study course work throughout the year.
- Conduct Class for New Church Members.
This is not a study course but orientation instruction to help new church members to find their places in church life.
- Do Some Extension Work.
All associations should promote a perennial program of extension work. Every local Training Union should help some other church with its Training Union work in every quarter. This may take the form of organizing a new union or Training Union, or teaching study courses. Report this work to the state Training Union department.
- Observe Youth Week.
Observe Youth Week, April 3-10, or at some other convenient time. The associational organization should promote this in every church. A free tract outlining the plan is available from the state Training Union department or the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Observe Baptist Youth Night, April 9.
On Saturday night of Youth Week simultaneous Baptist Youth meetings should be held in all associations. See the Baptist Training Union Associational Bulletin and The Baptist Training Union Magazine for a suggested program.
- Observe Christian Home Week.
Christian Home Week in 1955 will be May 1-8. The Training Union and Sunday school forces should combine to make this a great success.
- Attend A Summer Assembly.
Every church should be represented at Camp Garaywa, and if possible at a Southern Baptist Training Union Leadership Assembly at Ridgecrest or Glorieta.
- Promote Associational Training Union Work.
 (1) If your association is not organized, write to your state Training Union secretary and ask for help to get it organized.
 (2) All associational officers should attend the annual state associational officers' planning meeting.
 (3) Promote Baptist Youth Night, April 9.
 (4) Observe Southern Baptist Associational Training Union "M" Night on Monday, December 5, 1955, for launching the program for 1956.
 (5) Conduct associational eliminations.

Training Union Events For 1955

Youth Week—April 3-10.
 Baptist Youth Night, April 9, with Simultaneous Associational Youth Meetings.
 Christian Home Week—May 1-8.
 District Training Union Conventions—May 9-June 17.
 Training Union Leadership Assembly at Glorieta, June 16-July 6.
 Baptist Training Union Convention, June 24, First Baptist, Jackson.
 Training Union Leadership Assembly at Ridgecrest, July 21-August 10.
 Mississippi Baptist Training Union Assembly, Camp Garaywa, August 15-20.
 Promotion Day, September 25.
 Nursery, Beginner, Primary Clinic—November 7.
 Associational Planning Meetings—November 8-11.
 Southern Baptist Associational Training Union "M" Night with Simultaneous Meetings in All Associations on December 5, 1955.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

Gitano Is No. 1109

One of the latest additions to the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record is Gitano Church in Jones county. Recently the church clerk, Mrs. Walter Hinton, wrote asking that the Baptist Record be sent to the families of Gitano Church.

Record readers in Jones county are now listed as follows: GITANO, 26; FREEDOM, 59; BETHEL, 23; BETHLEHEM, 101; CALVARY, 32; COUNTY LINE, 44; ELLISVILLE, 145; FAIRFIELD, 44; Fellowship, 5; Friendship 2; HARMONY, 123; HEBRON, 53; INDIAN SPRINGS, 90; LAUREL, FIRST, 456; LAUREL, SECOND AVENUE, 260; LAUREL, MAGNOLIA STREET, 114; LAUREL, SOUTH, 47; LAUREL, WEST, 202; MOSELLE, 38; EAST VIEW, 72; NEW HOPE, 35; OAKLAND GROVE, 37; OVEITT, 42; PECAN GROVE, 39; Pine Grove, 1; SANDERSVILLE, 30; SAND HILL, 36; SHARON, 38; SHELTON, 20; SOSO, 106; SUMMERLAND, 32; Tucker's Crossing, 4; GLADE, 131; Pleasant Ridge, 1; WEST ELLISVILLE, 80; LAUREL, HIGHLAND, 134; LAUREL, JOE WHEELER, 20; LAUREL, WILDWOOD, 204; EMMANUEL, 28; HILLCREST 24.

Clarke College Ministerial Assoc.

We had our yearly meeting with the Ministerial Association of Clarke College a few days ago. Those who could remember that far back said it was the largest attendance that we had had. Certainly the interest and the enthusiasm was great.

We discussed the Baptist Record and also concerning the names of the various leaders in the state and in the South. Some of those present knew names of the President of the Southern Baptist Convention and of the State Convention and of the Executive Secretary of the State Convention. A few of them had lapses of memory. Anyway, in the end, several lucky ones were presented with books for their "outstanding" knowledge of state and Southern Baptist affairs.

The Association does missionary work round about. We heard the report of the Jail Commission, which was that they had conducted two services on the previous Sunday and had had three conversions. We then asked all the pastors who had had three conversions on the past Sunday to hold up their hands. There were none. We then observed that perhaps it would be better to put everybody in jail, as the preachers who went to the jail had better results.

Record readers in Newton county are now listed as follows: BETHEL, 48; BEULAH, 44; Center Ridge, 1; Chunky, 12; Cross Road, 15; DECATUR, CLARKE VENABLE, 106; DUFFEE, 37; Good Hope, 1; HECKORY, 30; LAWRENCE, 20; LIBERTY, 43; MIDWAY, 23; Mt. Pleasant, 3; MT. VERNON, 33; NEW IRELAND, 31; New Pros-

Hickory Grove (Lamar) Dedicates Pastorium



In a recent service at Hickory Grove Church, Lamar County, the church dedicated its new debt-free pastorium. (The church has paid \$1,000 of the indebtedness this year).

Pictured above are, left to right: Deacons Porter Hudson, Lamar Patterson, A. Z. Broome; the pastor, Rev. V. B. Roane, who is setting fire to the notes; Rev. Horace Carpenter, a former pastor of the church, who preached the dedication sermon; Deacons H. L. Lee, L. C. Akers, and Ford Lucas. On the back row are former deacons, Bill Shaw and Travis Patterson, who took part in the beginning of the project but who have moved away from the church since then.

J. Marse Grant, editor of *Charity and Children*, Thomasville, N. C., will represent that paper at the Baptist World Alliance in London, next year.

pect, 18; N. PROVIDENCE, 26; NEWTON, 345; Pine Grove, 16; PINCKNEY, 20; PLEASANT HILL, 42; Rock Branch, 2; STRATTON, 25; SULPHUR SPRINGS, 41; UNION, FIRST, 203.

My Favorite Bible Verse

By MRS. CARL TILLMAN

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

Readers are invited to send their favorite Bible verse. The Baptist Record plans to publish one each week. When sending your favorite verse address as follows: The Baptist Record, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

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WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"I want to express my appreciation... for the reminder to remember our college students in prayer. This we sincerely hope to do... We certainly want to... undergird you with our prayers in all of this wonderful work... May the Lord give you the best year you have ever had in student work."—W. L. Day, Tupelo.

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 26—Student Night at Christmas.
January 26-28—Seminar for Local BSU Directors, Jackson.
March 7-11—Focus Days.
April 15-17—State Retreat for BSU officers.

Youth Night Success

We're thankful to the Lord for the tremendous crowd and the spiritual impact of Youth Night during our recent Mississippi Baptist Convention. To Brother Russell McIntire, Miss Hazel Chisholm, Mr. Reid Moore, Dr. Kearnie Keegan and the Convention's Order of Business Committee goes our sincere appreciation. And we greatly appreciate, also, the BSU talks of Bud Richardson, East Central Junior; Rev. Louie Farmer, Jr., Mississippi Southern; Lenno Powell, Mississippi College; Miss Elois Coward, Southwest Junior; Miss Mary Ann Rushing, Holmes Junior; Rev. Roy S. Isbell, Mississippi State; Miss Jewel Hannah, William Carey; Miss Jo Anna Crouch, Sunflower

Junior; Rev. James Breland, Delta State; Mr. Charles Powell, Clarke, and Miss Nell Magee, Jones Junior.

MISCELLANEA

"We had a Recognition Service... for our overseas students... All fifteen were present and seemed to appreciate it very much."—Chas. W. Powell, Clarke.

Owen Cooper is the first (we hope not the last) former State BSU president to become president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Congratulations! Mr. Cooper was Mississippi BSU President in 1928 and has always been and is a firm supporter of the Student Work, which we appreciate very much.

Mississippi Southern BSU has recently had Miss Jewel Hannah, of Carey College, show her slides on mission work in the Bahamas, has Arthur Cameron as president of BMOC (Baptist Men on Campus), goes visiting one Tuesday each month, is laying plans for new Executive Council to take office in January.

Two converted, 4 joined local church from Jones Junior recently.

Sunflower Junior BSUs recently studied BBook of Romans. December Baptist Student gives excellent picture story of BSU at Jones Junior, writeup and picture of our good BSU Director at Pearl River Junior, Harold Gully.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

December 13 — Rev. W. B. Boatner, Union Associational Missionary; A. L. McGaugh, Clarke College faculty.

December 14 — J. W. Mitchell, Marshall Associational Training Union Director; Mrs. Sam J. Simmons, Grenada Associational W.M.U. Superintendent.

December 15 — H. D. Graham, Panola Associational Brotherhood President; Sam Thompson, Leflore Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

December 16 — Dr. Robert Shands, Trustee, Mississippi Baptist Hospital; L. Stockstill, Trustee, Mississippi College.

December 17 — Virgil Bigham, Education Commission; Dr. E. C. Williams, Baptist Building.

December 18 — Purser Hewitt, Trustee, William Carey College; Rev. A. B. Pierce, Trustee, Baptist Orphanage.

December 19 — Dr. John Landrum, Trustee, Blue Mountain College; Owen Cooper, President, Mississippi Baptist Convention.

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The Rev. Dr. John Skoglund, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Seattle, Wash., will describe "The Christian Faith—A Baptist Interpretation," as fifth speaker in "The Essence of My Belief" series on CBS Radio's "Church of the Air" Sunday, Dec. 5. Religious music will be sung by the choir of the Seattle First Baptist Church, directed and accompanied by Edwin Fairbourn.

(Sunday, Dec. 5 at 9:30-10 a.m., CST.)

Second, Leland Pastor



REV. HUGH G. COLLINS

The Second Church of Leland has called Rev. Hugh G. Collins as pastor. He began his service there December first, coming from the Second Church of Greenville where he served as educational director for almost a year.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College having received the B. A. degree in 1930 and the B. S. in education degree in 1953. He has held pastorates at New Providence Church in Leake Association and at Alexander Memorial Church in Washington Association. He was elected clerk of the Washington Association in 1953, which position he still holds.

The Second Church of Leland was organized in 1952 out of the Bogue Mission under the leadership of Rev. Willard Fuller. A building program has been launched and one unit has been completed. Plans call for construction that will meet the needs as they arise over the years ahead.

Situated in the eastern extremity of Leland in the midst of rapid expansion, the church enjoys a splendid opportunity for growth and service.

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First South-Wide Baptist Adult Sunday School Conference To Be Held

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSSB) — The first Southwide Baptist adult Sunday school leadership conference will be held Dec. 30-31 in Atlanta, Ga., First Baptist Church. It is sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. Dr. J. N. Barnette, secretary, Sunday School Department, says it is planned for pastors, educational directors, superintendents, teachers and class officers who work with adults.

The purpose of the conference is to study through testimonies, interviews, conferences, and messages how to enlist more adults in Bible study.

The program personnel includes Dr. W. A. Criswell, Dallas; Dr. James L. Sullivan, Nashville; Wayne Dehoney, Birmingham; Homer G. Lindsay, Jacksonville; Ernest T. Loesner, Louisville; state Sunday school secretaries; and members of the Sunday School Department of the Board.

—BR—

Miss Ruth Provence, executive secretary of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union, has accepted the same position with South Carolina Baptists.

Baptist Orphanage Children

We have had many requests for the names and ages of the children who are at the present time residents of OUR HOME. Many people like to remember these children at CHRISTMAS TIME. For your information, we are listing the group by name and age. If you would like to send a gift to one or more of these children to add a little extra to their CHRISTMAS JOY, your kindness will be appreciated. Thank you.

W. G. MIZE, Supt.

Two Years

BOYS: David Hall, Richard Van Cleave.

Three Years

BOYS: Jerry Wayne Durkes, Ricky Gonzales, Larry Sterling.
GIRLS: Pat Lovett, Amy Dell Morris.

Four Years

GIRLS: Patricia Gonzales, Peggy Sterling.

Five Years

BOYS: Mich Archer, Michael Chambers, Ralph Hutchins, Robert Mashburn, Jimmy Van Cleave.

GIRLS: Bessie Berry, Margaret Jones, Gail Pylate, Carolyn Smith, Lillie Mae Williams.

Six Years

BOYS: Jerry Archer, Tommy Brewer, Johnny Dykes, Danny Gonzales, James Kennedy, Dan Lovett, Johnny Mason, Roger Ryals, Norman Sterling.

GIRLS: Susie Bates, Patsy Fowler, Etoil Morris.

Seven Years

BOYS: Bobby Bishop, Dale Durkes, Thomas Jones, Leroy Mashburn, Mike Moore, Tommy Van Cleave.

GIRLS: Beverly Chambers, Barbara Fowler, Carol Lynn Hinton, Patricia Mason.

Eight Years

BOYS: Leroy Deese, Dudley Gibbs, Ray Hutchins, Dwight Morris, Ricky Morris, Randall Wallace.

GIRLS: Mable Bates, Diana Dykes, Mattie Lou Harper, Alice Faye Lovett, Doris Morris, Earline Morris, Sarah Smith, Eddie Smith.

Nine Years

BOYS: Terry Archer, H. G. Bishop, Ernest Drewery, Sammy Hannah, Raymond Jordan, Paul Kennon, Wesley Pylate.

GIRLS: Johnnie Lee Berry, Ann Brewer, Sherry Chambers, Janie Denson, Marie Dykes, Dovie Hankins, Hilda Faye Harper, Eva Ann Mashburn, Mary Ann Mason, Barbara Ryals, Carolyn Ann Van Cleave.

Ten Years

BOYS: James Chandler, J. L. Harper, Lee Roy Kennedy, Wesley Mashburn, Dwight Moore, Gene Morris, Richard Rape, John Tom Smith.

GIRLS: Deanna Chambers, Lynda Fowler, Mary Elizabeth Lovett, Patsy Ann Martin, Karen Morris.

Eleven Years

BOYS: Leon Bishop, Jimmy Chandler, Johnny Crosswhite, Otto Gill, Charles Fred Jones, Oliver Morris, Jimmy Pittinger, Billy Ryals, Carl Henry Sullivan.

GIRLS: Grace Bates, Linda Fay Brewer, Lavise Cummings, Mary Ethel Deese, Barbara Drewery, Dorothy Dykes, Joyce Gibbs, Barbara Hankins, Billie Hinton, Bessie Jones, Carole Faye Morris.

Twelve Years

BOYS: Tommy Archer, Michael Bilyk, Paul Chandler, Bob Harper, Dallas Wayne Martin.

GIRLS: Shirley Faye Denson, Mellie Marie Hesler, Sybil Jones, Louise Mashburn, Mary Ann Morris, Nolene Pylate, Mary Rape.

Thirteen Years

BOYS: Ray Otis Bates, Ray Howard Bishop, Alton Brewer, David Crosswhite, James Hancock, Carlton Lovett.

GIRLS: Mary Drewery, Mary Sue Gill, Margie Neli Lee, Jan Moore, Lena Morris, Ann Pittinger, France Ryals.

Fourteen Years

BOYS: Robert Acker, Frank Andrews, Sherron Lee, Durwood Overby, Walter Smith, Kellon Sullivan.

GIRLS: Barbara Jores, Billie Joy Mashburn, Patsy Gale Hesler.

Fifteen Years

BOYS: Jimmy Brewer, Jerry Lovett, Sherman Rape, Thomas Wilson.

GIRLS: Caro Jean Bates, Helen Gill.

Sixteen Years

BOYS: Charles Pittinger.
GIRLS: Laverne Brewer, Patsy Hankins, Dixie Nell Penton, Edna Stacey, Carolyn Sirahan.

Seventeen Years

GIRLS: Charlene Bridges.

Eighteen Years

GIRLS: Lillie Buchanan, Linda Vinzant.

Nineteen Years

GIRLS: Bess Bates, Alene Bridges, Nadine Bryan (college student).

Twenty Years

BOYS: Melvin Oglesby (college student).

GIRLS: Joyce Simpson (college student).

Ed. Adv.

L. C. HOFF RESIGNS AT STEEN'S CREEK

Rev. L. C. Hoff, pastor of the Steen's Creek Church has resigned effective January 1, to accept the Bunker Hill Church near Columbia.

Mr. Hoff has served the Steens Creek Baptist Church for the past six years.

During his pastorate at Florence there have been 232 additions, 70 for baptism and 162 by letter. A new brick veneer church building has been built and well equipped. The church has an electronic organ and tower chimes that play automatically each afternoon. This is all debt free. For the past year the church has sponsored a twenty-five minute radio program each Saturday morning. In the Sunday School new classes have been organized and the school departmentalized, except the adult department. The average attendance has greatly increased.

The church has increased its mission gifts from \$870 to \$5,232 given in 1964. Mr. Hoff has been active in all association activities. He has served as clerk-treasurer for the past six years and has been serving as board member from Rankin Association for the past three years.

Mrs. Hoff is the former Miss Jewel Pierce and they have two boys. Mr. Hoff is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College and the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

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Sunday School Lesson

By DR. L. BRACEY CAMPBELL

For December 12.
YEARNING FOR THE
LIVING GOD.

Bible Texts: Psalms 42: 84; 102: 25-27.

I. GOD AND MAN "ARE OUTS".

That was the burden of last week's lesson. The psalmist in that lesson sees himself afar from God and is, in consequence, in deep distress. Now there is hope for the man in that condition. The man who has "wandered far away from God" and does not realize that he has so wandered is in a hopeless condition, for just so long as he does not realize the fact. Hope for the sinner comes from awareness upon his part of his guilty distance from God.

Now sin is anything that results in the setting of this distance between the wanderer and God. Sin is absence from God; sin is the act or state of the neglect of God. God is not far from every man, but man may, in the act of rebellion, stand still, sit still, lie still in the body, while in spirit, as another prodigal take "his journey into a far country", and go down to the hog pasture and the pig sty.

Being in that far country away from the loving Father's house and home, the prodigal may seek to content himself, and may think he does content himself, with "the husks that the swine do eat", and for so long as he so abides, the mercy, the grace, the forgiveness, the pardon, the very love that is God cannot avail to bring him home to God. But the hour, the very moment, in which he comes to himself, the glorious light of the sun of hope bursts through the dark clouds of despair and shows him the long reach of his distance from God. What then? Out of the depths of his misery his cry goes up to God. And that cry is the bridge that spans the gulf, yea, that sincere, penitent cry is the supersonic jet that bears his soul to the loving heart of the Eternal.

II. THE THIRST THAT ONLY THE WATER OF LIFE ETERNAL CAN QUENCH—

Of course you may call the same condition the hunger that only the bread of life can satiate, relieve, satisfy. But the psalmist here speaks of it as a thirst. "As the heart panteth for the water brooks, So panteth my soul after Thee, O God."

The author of this Psalm is one who has had the honor to lead processions of worshipers to the tabernacle or temple, singing joyous songs of praise and adoration as they move in majestic march toward the sanctuary where they have faith to know that God in mercy waits to meet them. But the psalmist is just now deprived of the privilege wherein he delighted, worshiped and adored in the happy yesterdays. And this memory or those memories added to his sense of helplessness and frustration just now, as he realizes the truth in the saying: "A sorrow's crown of sorrow is remembering happier things." For now he is being forcibly detained

and thus debarred from going up to the worship of the sanctuary.

The soul of this man is longing for the Lord as a thirsty animal longs for the cooling waters of the brooks, the brooks of thirst-slaking waters, fit symbols of the streams of grace that never dry up or even run low in the midst of a drouth, but still the thirst of the soul. Note the fact that the longing of the psalmist is directed towards God Himself, and not merely towards the place of his worship. Hear again his cry for God: "My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: When shall I come and appear before God?" The psalmist's God is not a phantom, a foundation of pure and insecure cloud, a vision of baseless fabric, which, itself dead, is yet capable of imparting life: this psalmist's God is the living God, and, consequently, the life-giving God.

Do you go along this far with the psalmist, Brother? Is this living God your God? Do you verily believe in His power, a power that throbs and plays through all matter, living and inert in all His boundless world? Do you know Him as going with you into all the activities in which you engage in this world, metes to you your life in breath by breath and throb of heart by heart-throb?

Trouble with us in this age and in every age is that we do not with the psalmist recognize the nature of the heart-hunger that afflicts us. There are even some people of so callous heart as not to feel the pangs of their deep heart-hunger, their keen soul-thirst do not know of the presence of the hidden hunger, the peril of unfelt thirst. For such should our prayer rise day by day to the throne of mercy, not that the object of them should find solace in their present perilous condition, but that they may be aroused to a sense of their insecurity, to a sense of the dangerous false assurance in which they stand before God and the welfare of their own hearts.

III. THE SOURCE OF ALL REAL SOUL SATISFACTION AND HOW WE SECURE THIS BLESSING.

"By day the Lord commands His steadfast love: and at night His song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life." There He stands or sits as you may conceive Him! Here you are the object of His tender care. There He is the source of every blessing; here you are the needy pensioner of His grace. There He is, ready the help you need, ready to cheer: here you are the helpless and the downcast. There He is, saying to you, "Ask, and it shall be given you: seek and ye shall find: knock and it shall be opened unto you", for note the assurance that follows: "Every one that seeketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knoweth it shall be opened".

"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent word! What more can He say than to you: He hath said, You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled." In the night time or at noon's high tide or at any of the many times between, the ear of the Lord is open to hear and grant the requests of His people for His sym-

Riley Munday Accepts Little Rock Pastorate

Rev. Riley Munday, State Student Union Director of Arkansas, has accepted the call to become pastor of Calvary Church in Little Rock, effective December 31.

Mr. Munday will succeed Rev. Lawson Hatfield, who recently became pastor of the First Church, Fordyce. Mr. Munday came to Arkansas last January and has been State Student Director for the past year. He came from Mississippi Southern College in Hattiesburg, Miss., where he had served the previous six years as Director of Religious Activities and Baptist Student Union Director.

Prior to that time he served as State Student Union Director of Mississippi and Baptist Student Union Director at Delta State Teachers College at Cleveland.

The new pastor of Calvary is a graduate of Mississippi College and holds a master's degree from the New Orleans Seminary and has completed one-half of the required work for his doctorate in the field of religious education. Mrs. Munday is a graduate of Hillman College and served as Y.W.A. Counselor to the Student Union while at Mississippi Southern College. They have three children.

pathy and understanding in all their trials within and their tribulations without. "Speak to Him thou, for He heareth, And Spirit with spirit can meet: Closer is He than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet".

Hear now a word of testimony: "Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee". "They that dwell in thy house" are not those who live in a church, but those who, living in His big house, "In my Father's house are many mansions", come to realize that this big world is the Father's house, have the grace of God to know that He is no stranger in His own house, but is at home in it every day and hour and moment, and that He may be known and realized and experienced and utilized for the good of the soul that rests in Him.

Kolola Springs Church Ordains Minister



REV. SIDNEY MURPHY

Rev. Sidney Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Murphy, Caledonia, was ordained to the gospel ministry November 21 at Kolola Springs Church, Lowndes County.

A student at William Carey College, he recently accepted the pastorate at Fort Bayou Church, Jackson County.

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Rev. J. B. Middleton Goes To Weir

Rev. J. B. Middleton, pastor at Bruce for nine years, has resigned in order to accept the pastorate at Weir.

The work at Bruce has grown consistently. There have been added to the membership 465, a new \$12,500 parsonage built and the church plant has been reworked and decorated inside and the church budget tripled.

He has served six years as a member of the State Convention Board and ten years on the Board of Trustees of Baptist Memorial Hospital, in Memphis. At present he is chairman of the Social Service Commission of the State Convention.

At the conclusion of his last service a basket dinner was served in the basement of the church, and a very liberal cash love offering was given to the Rev. and Mrs. Middleton as a token of love and esteem.

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.
50 YEARS AGO—

The Durant Church closed a revival meeting with twenty-one baptisms. Rev. W. A. McComb of Gloster led the preaching, Pastor T. A. Moore, reporting.

40 YEARS AGO—

Miss Margaret Lackey announces the selection of Miss Fannie Traylor as the new Young People's Leader and suggests that the women and young people of Mississippi write to Miss Traylor who is soon to come from the W. M. U. Training School, Louisville, Kentucky, welcoming her back home and to the work of her home state.

Pastor R. B. Gunter of Louisville tells of the European Lectures which were delivered in his church by Missionary John H. Eager.

25 YEARS AGO—

The Davis Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson, under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. R. B. Patterson, observed church emphasis week during Dec. 2-6. Speakers were: Miss Margaret Lackey, Rev. R. L. Wallace of Raymond, and Rev. C. J. Olander of Brandon.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

December 5, 1954

Calhoun City, First	267	144
Itta Bena, First	303	91
Laurel, First	618	176
Kreole, First	132	64
Hattiesburg, Main St.	1035	435
Laurel, West	445	119
Laurel, Wildwood	188	88
Clarksdale	474	161
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	492	135
Edwards	107	39
Jackson, West	346	154
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	701	315
Jackson, Broadmoor	527	202
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	188	101
Pearl (Rankin)	216	114
Jackson, First	1546	508
Byram	186	121
Jackson, Highland	158	75
Jackson, Van Winkle	573	232
Jackson, Hillcrest	165	110
Jackson, Parkway	1140	504
Clinton	558	407
Macedonia (Lincoln)	214	
Jackson, Crestwood	651	417
Jackson, Calvary	1509	458
Mission	92	37
Jackson, Southside	421	169
Clarksdale, Riversides	275	126
Laurel, Harmony	175	56
Stonewall	245	124
Spanish Fort	46	26
Brookhaven, First	874	279
Main	766	213
Southway Chapel	70	38
Halbert Heights Chapel	38	28
Gulfport, Calvary	79	62
Crystal Springs, First	731	241
New Prospect (DeSoto)	91	66
Canton, Center Terrace	285	137
Greenwood, Calvary	486	161
Crowder	191	103
Shiloh (Marion)	70	72
Fellowship (Choctaw)	89	34
Laurel, Highland	238	103
Union, First	379	113
Purvis, First	232	74
Mission	21	
Ripley, First	309	97
Petal-Harvey	401	163
Main School	365	
Harvey	36	
Soso, First	148	78
Hattiesburg, Temple	572	187
Newton, First	493	238
Sumrall	100	44
Meridian, Poplar		
Spring Drive	444	166
Oakland Grove (Jones)	105	107
Columbia, First	740	293
Main School	662	213
South Columbia Mission	78	80
Longview (Oktibbeha)	125	65
Grenada, Emmanuel	292	93
Main Church School	269	
Futheyville Chapel	23	
Kosciusko, First	781	230
Main School	760	
Maple Mission	21	

Texas Pastor To Be Preacher For January Evangelistic Conference



DR. CARL E. BATES

The Evangelistic Conference Program, January 24-26, Jackson, is different three ways. First, a Mississippian, Dr. Carl E. Bates, will be the preacher. He is pastor of First Church, Amarillo Texas.

Second, we have one preacher for the five spots for sermons, Dr. Bates.

Third, we have one of our own rural pastors as our one devotional leader for the Conference F. V. McFartridge, Springfield Church, Morton.

Ruth	83	68
Concord (Choctaw)	112	80
Hardy (Grenada)	112	84
Picayune, First	606	204
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	146	71
Columbus, East End	313	132
Shiloh (Lawrence)	154	91
Columbus, Southside	154	91
Pelahatchie	195	77
Bay St. Louis, First	131	61
New Sight (Lincoln)	146	87
McComb, Locust St.	100	49
Magee	634	99
McComb, Friendship	188	74
Friendship (Lincoln)	166	93
Hernando	170	55
McComb, East	495	185
New Albany, First	683	124
Northside Mission	38	29
Ruleville	184	97
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	218	123
Vicksburg, First	645	198
Meridian, 41st Ave.	422	111
Marks, First	299	50
Darling	111	41
Hurricane Creek (Marion)	108	94
Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	170	91
Wayside (Yalobusha)	49	
New Prospect (Lincoln)	142	108
Murphy Creek (Winston)	141	81
Meridian, South Side	460	192
Brownsville, Beulah	99	79
Mt. Pleasant Holmes	51	29
Cleveland, Immanuel	182	144
Richland (Rankin)	203	60
Pascagoula, First	881	388
Main School	706	247
Jackson Ave. Chapel	46	65
McArthur Chapel	72	31
Orange Grove Chapel	57	45
Nola	56	51
Hattiesburg, First	1291	202
West Point, Calvary	246	134
Lucedale	380	160
Flowood	95	70

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Enon (Panola)	113	75
Grenada, First	651	203
Friendship (Lincoln)	171	123
Gulfport, Grace Memorial	247	87
Yazoo City, Calvary	187	139
Cleveland, First	432	134
Main School	384	
Chinese Mission	46	

Counselor's Corner
BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wor-all Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind."

for the Baptist Record.

SON-IN-LAW TROUBLE

Question:

My daughter married a man who will not go to church. Recently she made a profession but when the pastor went by to see her, he acted like a maniac. He cursed, and abused her, and talked terrible to me, and swore that she would never be baptized.

She has four children now and says that she will leave him if necessary to join the church. Should I stop trying to get her to church? This is the only matrimonial difference they have had.

Answer:

Your last sentence must be an exaggeration. Pagan husbands just aren't that understanding about things other than religion. When a man blows as high as your son-in-law did over religion, there are a lot of other things that he is mad about.

I would stay out of this if I were you. Mother-in-laws ought to pray much and say little. This couple must be allowed to work this out their own way.

It sounds to me as if your son-in-law got surprised. There are few shocks to the human being that are quite as humiliating as that of being surprised. Especially men hate to be slipped up on. Try apologizing to the son-in-law and politely bow out of their religious squabble. Mother-in-laws just aren't the ones to convert son-in-laws, usually.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

Dr. W. A. Criswell To Lead Holy Land Tour

Officials of Winona Lake School of Theology have announced that Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the renowned First Baptist Church of Dallas has accepted membership on the 1955 Flying Seminar teaching staff.

Dr. Criswell will leave the United States with a party of Baptist World Alliance Delegates on July 14 in time to attend the Kettering Memorial Service in Bedford. They will be in attendance at all sessions of the London Convocation and after a brief side tour to Scotland or Belgium, they will proceed on the Flying Seminar to Jerusalem via Paris, Rome, Cairo, Beirut, Damascus and Amman. After spending five days in Jordan, five days in Israel, the group will return to the United States via TWA on Saturday, August 27.

All arrangements for the Criswell Tour are being made by the Winona World Travel Service, Westminster Hotel, Winona Lake, Indiana.

BELLEVUE CELEBRATES SECOND ANNIVERSARY

Bellevue Church, Lamar County Association, will celebrate its second anniversary with a program Friday night, December 10, with a day of old fashioned singing and preaching with dinner on the ground on Sunday, Dec. 12.

In two years the church has made rapid progress, completing debt-free the educational department of a \$30,000 church building program. The first unit of the seven-room pastorium has also been completed debt-free and is being dedicated in connection with the anniversary celebration.

Rev. Marvin K. Lee is the pastor.

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J. R. DAVIS ACCEPTS COLUMBIA PASTORATE

Rev. J. R. Davis, for the past nine and one-half years pastor at New Albany, has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Columbia, effective January 1.

Mr. Davis is a graduate of Clarke College and Mississippi College and of Southern Seminary. For the past six years he has been a member of the Convention Board, a member of the executive committee, and is retiring as chairman of the executive committee due to the six-year limit.

During his pastorate at New Albany Mr. Davis has led the church in the erection of an educational annex which is paid for. The entire church plant has been remodelled and the sanctuary and offices have been air-conditioned.

All organizations have shown commendable growth, the Sunday School having gained from 440 to 660.

The number of Sunday School Departments have been doubled and a Brotherhood, which has been a great help, has been organized.

Northside Mission has been established and it is hoped that it will someday become a church.

Mr. Davis succeeds Rev. A. L. Gatewood who went to a pastorate in Texas.

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Lewis Curtis Accepts Tutwiler Pastorate

Dr. Lewis A. Curtis of Hickory has accepted the pastorate of the Tutwiler Church and will arrive here Dec. 16 to assume his new duties.

He succeeds the Rev. Earl Edwards, who resigned several months ago to become pastor at Tyrone, Ark.

Dr. Curtis has been a minister for 15-years and spent the past six years in Hickory. He was educated at Mississippi College and at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

During the Hickory pastorate an educational building has been constructed, repairs and improvements have been made on rest of the building, all of the organizations have experienced growth, and contributions for both local and mission causes have increased.

Mrs. Curtis is also a graduate of the New Orleans Seminary. They have three daughters, Cathryn is 6 years old, Carolyn 3 years and Robin 1 month.

Skutt Goes To Hernando

Rev. C. H. Skutt, for 27 months pastor of the Lyon Church, has accepted the call of the First Church, Hernando, and will preach his first sermon there on Sunday, Dec. 19.

During Mr. Skutt's pastorate, the Lyon Church erected a three-story educational building at a cost of \$42,500, more than half of which has already been paid. A total of one hundred eleven members were received into the church, about half of which were on confession of faith. The Sunday School was departmentalized, two new circles and four auxiliaries were created within the WMU and an active Brotherhood organized.

The Hernando church has recently air-conditioned its entire building, including both sanctuary and educational building, and purchased a beautiful new \$30,000 brick home to replace the former parsonage. All organizations are included in the work of the church including a departmentalized Sunday School and a fully graded WMU which boasts four Sunbeam bands.

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1587 Churches Give To Coop Program In 1953-54

BY DR. CHESTER L. QUARLES

Executive Secretary-Treasurer
1587 Mississippi Baptist Churches made a contribution to the Cooperative Program this past Convention year the largest number on record for any one year.

Only 125 churches failed to make a Cooperative Program gift and all but 71 churches made a mission gift of some kind during the year.

22 of the 75 associations were 100 percent in Cooperative Program giving, in that every church in the association made a contribution. They are as follows:

Bolivar, Calhoun, Clarke, Covington, George, Green, Grenada, Gulf Coast, Jackson, Leflore, Marion, New Choctaw, Oktibbeha, Panola, Pearl River, Perry, Pike, Prentiss, Sharkey-Issaquena, Sunflower, Walthall, Warren.

19 associations lacked only one church of being 100 percent, as follows: Attala, Chickasaw, Clay, DeSoto, Humphreys, Jasper, Jeff-Davis, Kemper, Lamar, Lawrence, Lebanon, Lincoln, Lowndes, Neshoba, Tate, Union County, Washington, Yazoo.

16 associations lacked two churches of reaching the 100 percent mark: Alcorn, Copiah, Franklin, Hinds, Jones, Lafayette, Lauderdale, Marshall, Mississippi, Monroe, Montgomery, Noxubee, Rankin, Simpson, Tallahatchie, Tishomingo.

8 associations lacked three churches of being 100 percent, as listed: Choctaw, Holmes, Leake, Madison, Tippah, Winston, Yalabusha, Zion.

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Archeology and the New Testament, by Merrill F. Unger, Ph. D., Professor of Old Testament at the Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, is the most recent and up-to-date treatment of the subject now available. Dr. Unger traces the development of archeological findings through the Old Testament, beginning with the Biblical and Babylonian accounts of creation and ending with the study of Judah under Persia. Discussing the importance of Bible Archeology, Dr. Unger says, "... It is no exaggeration to say that on the human side and so far as its historical and linguistic aspects are concerned, the Old Testament has become a new book as archeology has made it more understandable by setting it against the illuminating background of its environment and by correlating it with the life and customs out of which it sprang. ... The reason for the growing enthusiasm for Biblical Archeology lies in the supreme importance of the message and meaning of the Bible itself." Fully illustrated with charts, graphs, line drawings of archeological findings and actual photographs of figures and events prominent in the archeological field, **Archeology and the Old Testament** is handsomely and durably bound, printed in large, readable type on durable, easy-on-the-eyes textbook paper. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan (\$4.95).

New Religious Recording



DR. KEARNIE KEEGAN

Those who have heard G. Kearnie Keegan sing can now treasure eight of his solos on a new Word Record 33 1/3 rpm long-playing recording. "SONGS OF KEARNIE KEEGAN" will be available in all Baptist Book Stores December 10, selling for \$3.85.

Along with "Lily of the Valley," a solo for which Dr. Keegan gets many requests, four other gospel songs and three spirituals are featured.

Dr. Keegan sings "Satisfied with Jesus," "Will There Be Any Stars?" "Jesus Is All the World to Me," and "How Tedious and Tasteless the Hours."

Spiritual selections he offers include "Let My People Go," "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen" and "This World is Not My Home."

As secretary of the Department of Southern Baptist Student Work, Baptist Sunday School Board, Dr. Keegan travels widely, visiting college campuses and speaking in churches.

Everywhere he goes, he is called on for solos, and many Baptists have heard him lift his rich tenor voice to praise the Lord.

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DO'S FOR BWA GOERS

JERUSALEM, Israel (BP) —If you are planning to visit the Holy Land next summer in connection with the Baptist World Alliance meeting in London, please do not keep it to yourself. The Baptist Convention in Israel would like very much to know who you are, when you are coming, and how long your party will visit in the country.

"We are anxious to know the itineraries of all such parties visiting the Holy Land so that we will be able to be of service to them. We would like to meet personally as many of our Baptist visitors as we possibly can, and would like to show them some of the things Baptists are trying to do here," R. L. Lindsey, pastor of Jerusalem Baptist Church, said.

Do let him hear from you if you plan a trip to the Holy Land. Write R. L. Lindsey, Baptist Convention in Israel, P. O. Box 154, Jerusalem, Israel. Rest assured, your trip will be much better by having done so.

Free Bed And Breakfast Available At Conference

By DR. C. E. WILBANKS,
Director of Evangelism

The programs for Mississippi's Statewide Evangelistic Conference, January 4-26 have been mailed. They have been addressed to all pastors, superintendents of Sunday schools, presidents of Missionary Societies and Brotherhoods, and directors of Training Unions. These church-chosen leaders comprise the church's Evangelism Church Council. Any such worker just chosen, who did not serve in that capacity last associational year should inquire of your predecessors for this mail. We do not have here, the names of all newly elected officers.

All members of Evangelism Church Councils (the officers named above) should attend this conference. Pre-registration cards were enclosed. They entitle the worker to hospitality in Baptist homes in Jackson, as guests; bed and breakfast free. Hasten your cards back to us. No card — no home.

The finest hotels and motor courts are here, and reservations in them will be made by those who plan to stay in them. Our office, and our Baptist homes hope to have hundreds of guests pre-register through us, for the conference, and for home assignments. Thus your home will be ready when you arrive. This goes for all your church members who will attend, also.

Jackson Baptists await your pre-registration. Let us hear from you.

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Senator Blasts Sunday Sales In Washington

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Senator A. S. (Mike) Monroney (D-Okla), in a Senate speech, criticized Washington business houses which hold bargain sales on Sunday. He said that if the practice is not curbed voluntarily by merchants he will consider introducing legislation to halt it.

Displaying four full-page advertisements from Washington newspapers announcing the Sunday sales, Sen. Monroney told his colleagues that he fears Washington will be "turned into a Baghdad on the Potomac."

The Oklahoma lawmaker said he hoped Congress would not find it necessary to enact "blue laws" for the District of Columbia but he is becoming "very apprehensive" over the growing tendency "to turn the Sabbath into a bargain-shopping day."

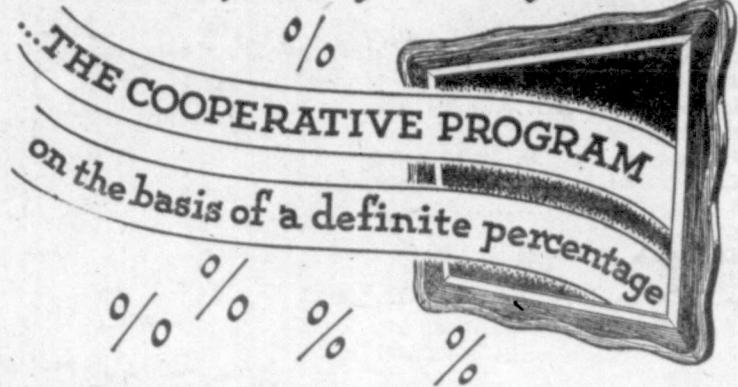
"Since the founding of this nation," he declared, "the Sabbath has been a day of rest, of worship, of family association, and of outdoor recreation."

He charged that the bargain days are being promoted by merchants who "want to get the jump on other business houses that choose to observe the nation's religious habit of honoring Sunday as a day of rest."

Senator Olin D. Johnston (D-S. C.) commended Senator Monroney's speech.

"When a nation forgets to honor God, it is only a short time before it is destroyed," Sen. Johnston said.

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Christian Life Commission To Sponsor Conference On Aging

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)—

Calvary, Natchez, Calls Rev. D. L. Callendar

Rev. D. L. Callendar, Mississippi College student has recently become the pastor of Calvary Church, Natchez. Since his going there on November 15 there have been additions to the church at every service.

He was formerly pastor of New Zion Church in Copiah County.

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AMERICAN CHURCHES GO MODERN

NEW YORK—Religion in the United States is enjoying the most robust health it has ever known according to an article in the current issue of McCall's Magazine. Church membership has rocketed from 50 million in 1929 to more than 95 million this year—a gain of ninety per cent. During this period, 58,000 more churches have been built. Americans have contributed more than two and one-half billion dollars this year.

Today, when religion is showing the greatest revival in our country's history, it seems only fitting that so many new churches reflect the vital, living spirit of the present age. The McCall's article reports that Americans are building and remodeling more places of worship than ever before, and over 25 per cent are in the modern mood.

Visual illustrations of this contemporary architectural design in churches include the Wayfarers' Chapel at Portuguese Bend, California, built with prism-shaped glass walls giving a panoramic view of the Pacific Ocean; St. Philip's Roman Catholic Church in Clifton, New Jersey, a church combining the Gothic spirit with the modern feeling for space. The future design of churches is indicated by the planned Shrine of the Ages interdenominational chapel to be erected on government land on the rim of the Grand Canyon.

The McCall's article, written by Clarence W. Hall, executive editor of the Christian Herald, concludes with the statement that the new millions of churchgoers, "with their fresh and imaginative approach, constitute the greatest challenge and opportunity to organized religion in all of America's history."

The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will sponsor a Conference on Aging, December 20, in Nashville.

Scheduled to appear on the program are: Wayne E. Oates and Gaines S. Dobbins, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Martin Bradley, Ralph Longshore, Porter Routh, Hollis Johnson, Joe W. Burton, W. L. Howse, Howard P. Colson, J. E. Lambdin, J. N. Barnette, Raymond Rigdon, Mrs. Will S. McCraw, R. Orin Cornett, James L. Sullivan, Clifton J. Allen, Homer L. Grice, and Robert S. Cook, all from Nashville.

"We will seek to broaden our ministry with the increasing number of people in our population who are growing old. Our society, and much of our church activity, is geared to the young and active. We must even change our psychology toward the older people and seek to lead them to feel that even in retirement they are not on a shelf. No civilization has ever lived very long who has not had the proper respect for their aging people. We must rebuild our whole conception on this vital and important matter," A. C. Miller, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission, said in announcing the conference.

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The 1955 graded series on Home Mission Outposts has been released to Baptist Book Stores, according to Dr. John Caylor, secretary of educational service. The Adult book, "Under the North Star," was written by Dr. Harold E. Dye; Young People's book, "Light in Yumuri," (Cuba) by Mrs. Rose Goodwin. Intermediates, "Through A Cuban Window," by Miss Christine Garnett; Juniors, "Gold in Alaska," by John DeFoore; Primaries, "Tabo in Panama," by Russell and Edith Van Royen. The Woman's Missionary Union will sponsor a special home mission study in which these books will be used. Color filmstrips have been released to aid in teaching the books, NUGGETS OF THE NORTH on Alaska, and GOOD GROUND for Cuba. Picture sheets on Cuba and Alaska, a pictorial map of the entire home mission fields and activities, and tracts are being provided free by the Home Mission Board to help in teaching these books. SOURCE BOOK: ALASKA, by Helen Long Fling, gives help for teaching the books on Alaska. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from the Home Mission Board, SBC, Atlanta, Georgia.